

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 19, 1898, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. May 19, 1898 Twin Oaks. Dear Alec:

If you want me to send any more long bulletins you must give me some cipher. I can't afford to spend ten dollars a day telegraphing. After this I will not telegraph until there is something important to chronicle.

I find I did not send you the extract from Miss Yale's letter and it is left behind in the city. I told Mamma what you said but I think she is placed in a very hard position and I don't think it is fair to ask her to assume the responsibility of asking the Northampton School to come against the judgement and wishes of the principal. Miss Yale's arguments have decidedly impressed her, because as she says she knows nothing whatever of the subject. As she never attended any of the meetings she has only a very general idea of what went on.

I think what I told her broke the force of Miss Yale's representations, but she still says that she cannot ask Miss Yale to come solely at her request by her wish and against Miss Yale's best judgement. I do not want to urge Mamma to do this because I know that if she yielded she would feel the responsibility and it would worry her infinitely. I am sure Papa would not want so much care put on her— Mamma's position is this, she does not know enough of the pros and cons to form an independent judgement of the advisability of Miss Yale's coming, this being the case she cannot urge it as a favor to herself.

I am staying at Grace's while she and Charlie are at the Adirondacks. It is so perfectly lovely here, it makes me and to think those two hot days should have come while you were here, as we have had none so hot since. It has in fact been very cool here and very windy and I have not worn a thin dress yet. Breakfast is ready so good morrow. I have

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found a most 2 complete book on Cuba and Porto Rico in the Henry Library. It is almost too minute, although it is quite a small book.

Much love to you and all,

Yours ever, May 19th., Thursday, (My last letter was wrongly dated).